

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: U.S.-GOP TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: A. STATE 16499, B. MANILA 2203, C. MANILA 2587

1. GOP HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT A FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE WAS ISSUED MARCH 3, 1977 WHICH RAISES LIMITATION LEVEL OF CATEGORY 49. NOTICE APPEARS (FROM SKETCHY INFO WE HAVE) TO ANNOUNCE THAT "CARRYOVER" HAS BEEN APPLIED TO THIS CATEGORY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF CONTENT AND PURPOSE OF NOTICE.

2. EMBASSY HAS REPEATEDLY FOLLOWED-UP WITH GOP IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN LETTER REQUESTING RETROACTIVE PERMISSION TO EXCEED CONSULTATION LEVELS OF CATEGORIES 64NT AND 204 FOR LAST AGREEMENT YEAR (REF. A). REGARDING CATEGORY 64NT GOP OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT THEIR STATISTICS SHOW SHIPMENT OF ONLY 79,147.61 LBS. LAST YEAR WHICH IS WELL BELOW LIMITATION LEVEL OF 152,174 LBS. GOP ADMITS EXCEEDING CONSULTATION LEVEL OF CATEGORY 204, AND HAS, ONCE AGAIN, PROMISED TO PROVIDE RETROACTIVE REQUEST.

3. GOP WILL SHORTLY BE REQUESTING FLEXIBILITY AND CARRYOVER (WHERE AVAILABLE) IN FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:  
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53(T), 39(NT), 45/46/47(NT), 49(NT), 50(NT), 51(NT)  
221(T), 222(T), 230(T), 218/219/223 PT., 221(NT), 224(NT),  
229(NT), 234/235(NT), AND 237(NT). EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT  
OFFICE OF TEXTILES, USDOC, CALCULATE THESE LEVELS SO  
THAT WE CAN RESPOND REASONABLY QUICKLY WHEN WRITTEN REQUEST  
IS RECEIVED.

4. EMBOFF HAS, AGAIN, ASKED GOP OFFICIALS THEIR INTENTIONS REGARDING THE AMENDMENT TO TEXTILE BILATERAL NEGOTIATED LAST AUGUST, AND WAS TOLD THAT REQUEST FROM GOP TO EXCHANGE NOTES ON BASIS OF US DRAFT WAS "IMMINENT."

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO PARA (1) REF. B CONCERNING GOP REQUEST THAT MACRAME PRODUCTS BE ADDED TO LIST OF TRADITIONAL FOLKLORE HANDICRAFT TEXTILE PRODUCTS.

6. EMBASSY REQUESTS REPLY TO REF. C CONCERNING SAMPLES SUBMITTED FOR CLASSIFICATION. THIS IS THE SECOND FOLLOW-UP ON THIS ITEM. WE CANNOT IN GOOD FAITH TELL GOP REPS THAT THEIR TEXTILE CLASSIFICATION PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED BY SUBMITTING SAMPLES OF ARTICLES TO US FOR CLASSIFICATION IF THIS PROCEDURE TAKES OVER FIVE MONTHS (AS IS TRUE IN PRESENT CASE). THESE SAMPLES WERE SHIPPED TO EB/ORF/FTD, STATE VIA ARMY POST OFFICE REGISTERED MAIL ON NOVEMBER 2, 1976.

7. THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT GOP WILL EXCEED LIMITATION LEVELS ON A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC CATEGORIES THIS AGREEMENT YEAR. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ADVANCE NOTICE ON THOSE CATEGORIES WHERE IT APPEARS, ON BASIS OF CURRENT SHIPPING RATE, THAT OVERSHIPMENT WILL OCCUR WITHIN 30 DAYS. AT VERY LEAST, THIS PROCEDURE WILL GIVE GOP OPPORTUNITY TO CUT-OFF SHIPMENTS AND REDUCE AMOUNT OF GOODS EMBARGOED.  
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